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SUBJECT: SOFT TARGET PROGRAM - OVERSEAS SCHOOL SECURITY IN GRENADA

REF: 07 STATE 154115

¶1. This is an action cable for James Witt, OBO/PE/SM/OPB.

¶2. The Embassy surveyed one local school that traditionally has been used by Mission and AmCits that qualifies for the Soft Target Program (reftel). As mandated by the Department, the RSO (resident in Bridgetown) came to Grenada and conducted the security survey, developed a statement of work, and liaised with school officials to solicit quotes from security contractors. Post requests funding in the amount of USD 24,561 for school security upgrades. This amount includes USD 1,470 for a project manager.

SCHOOL OVERVIEW

¶A. POST/COUNTRY/REGION:

St. George's, Grenada, West Indies (Eastern Caribbean)

¶B. SCHOOL NAME:

Westmorland School

¶C. SCHOOL STREET ADDRESS:

Marrast Hill, Tempe, St. George's, Grenada

¶D. DEPARTMENT ASSISTED SCHOOL?

No.

¶E. TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE ENROLLED OR ON STAFF:

295 students and 30 staff

¶F. TOTAL NUMBER OF U.S. CITIZEN STUDENTS AND STAFF:

19 U.S. citizen students and no U.S. citizen staff

¶G. NUMBER OF THOSE IN ITEM "F" WHO ARE USG EMPLOYEES OR DEPENDENTS OF USG EMPLOYEES:

None currently enrolled. U.S. dependent enrollment is cyclical as USG employees have previously enrolled their dependents at this school.

¶H. PROJECT DESCRIPTION, RATIONALE, AND BUDGETARY COST ESTIMATE:

(1) RSO SECURITY SURVEY:

The security survey of Westmorland School was conducted Friday, April 4, 2008 by RSO Robert Starnes (Embassy Bridgetown).

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS:

-- a.

DESCRIPTION: Install perimeter fencing and pedestrian and vehicle gates.

RATIONALE: The school property is currently not fenced in and school officials cannot control access. The extensive grounds, which encompass 3.2 acres, are located between two major roads and pedestrians often cut across school property as a shortcut from one to the other, disrupting classes and on occasion pestering students and teachers. There are five school buildings widely spaced around the property, not all of which are visible to each other. A five (5) foot chain link fence runs along the driveway but is not part of the perimeter of the compound. Portions of the grounds are on a steep hillside.

Vendor: Arnwil Ltd.

Quote: USD 11,211.66 (ECD 30,271.48)

-- b.

DESCRIPTION: Install pedestrian gate at back of compound and vehicular gate at main entrance.

RATIONALE: There are currently no access controls to the school grounds.

Vendor: Arnwil Ltd.

Quote: USD 1,042.52 (ECD 2,814.81)

-- c.

DESCRIPTION: Enhance exterior lighting.

RATIONALE: Lighting on compound is currently inadequate for

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nighttime activities.

Vendor: Arnwil Ltd.

Quote: USD 3,490.40 (ECD 9,424.07)

-- d.

DESCRIPTION: Install public address system.

RATIONALE: Westmorland School does not currently have the capability to communicate announcements during emergencies.

Vendor: Arnwil Ltd.

Quote: USD 3,172.15 (ECD 8,564.81)

-- e.

DESCRIPTION: Install intrusion alarm.

RATIONALE: The school currently does not have the capability to protect sensitive private information and valuable computer and office equipment.

Vendor: Arnwil Ltd.

Quote: USD 1,048.56 (ECD 2,831.11)

-- f.

DESCRIPTION: Install closed circuit TV monitors.

RATIONALE: Closed circuit TV monitors will enable the administration to keep track of activities around the widely scattered school buildings from a central location.

Vendor: Arnwil Ltd.

Quote: USD 3,065.70 (ECD 8,277.40)

-- g.

DESCRIPTION: Install smoke detectors in school buildings

(optional).

RATIONALE: There are no smoke detectors in the school buildings.

Vendor: Arnwil, Ltd.

Quote: USD 63 (ECD 170)

-- h.

DESCRIPTION: Hire project manager to oversee the installations, three (3) hours per day.

RATIONALE: This will help Embassy Grenada keep track of the work to ensure it is completed in a timely fashion. Post is very small and does not have the resources to oversee such a project itself.

Vendor: Anthony Payne

Quote: USD 1,466.67 (ECD 3,960)

II. APPROXIMATE DISTANCE TO OTHER U.S. DIPLOMATIC OR OTHER U.S. FACILITIES IN THE GENERAL VICINITY:

The approximate distance from other U.S. facilities is six (6) miles.

IJ. IS THE SCHOOL USED FOR NON-SCHOOL RELATED EVENTS THAT MIGHT INCREASE ITS ATTRACTIVENESS AS A SOFT TARGET?

Yes.

IK. Westmorland School's principal stated that due to their limited operating budget, they are unable to mitigate security vulnerabilities without advanced funding.

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